

# Renew the Legacy... Fulfill the Vision

## Renton Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Natural Resources Plan



### Steering Committee Meeting #5

Date: 10/04/2011

Time: 6:00PM – 7:30PM

Location: 7<sup>th</sup> Floor Conferencing Center, Renton City Hall, 1055 South Grady Way

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### Participants

**Community Services Administrator:** Terry Higashiyama

**Team Leads:** Leslie Betlach, Vanessa Dolbee

**Steering Committee:** Britt McKenzie, Larry Reymann, Tim Searing, Rich Turner, Tim Williams, Julio Amador, Chris Hanis, Gwendolyn High, Kirk Merrill

**Committee Members Unable to Attend:** Marge Cochran-Reep, Pete Maas, Bo Woo, Al Talley

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### Meeting Summary

The fifth meeting of the Steering Committee for the Parks, Recreation and Natural Areas Plan focused on the September Draft of the Plan and how comments on this Draft Plan are addressed in the October Draft, followed by a request for the Steering Committee to Accept the Draft Plan and forward the Steering Committee's acceptance to both the Parks and Planning Commissions.

Using a PowerPoint presentation, Leslie Betlach and Vanessa Dolbee gave an update of the planning process, a summary of comments received during the 21-day public comment period and an explanation of how the October Draft Plan addresses the comments. Following the presentation, committee members provided comments on the Draft Plan. The remainder of the meeting was dedicated to the Acceptance of the Draft Plan.

### Parks, Recreation and Natural Areas Draft Plan Comments

The following provides a summary of questions and responses regarding the Draft Plan.

- A committee member stated that equestrian trail access is important to the East Plateau Community. The question was asked, if either this Plan or the Trails and Bicycle Master Plan addresses equestrian trail access. A large portion of the East Plateau is located within King County and not within the current City boundaries. In the future, when this area annexes to the City of Renton, equestrian facilities should be considered in future planning processes. In addition, Renton will continue to coordinate with neighboring jurisdictions in future park and trail development. King County's Sammamish to Cedar River Trail is recognized in the Parks, Recreation and Natural Areas Plan and the Trails and Bicycle Master Plan.
- A committee member asked how the goals and objectives in the Plan would be incorporated into future planning efforts. Following the adoption of the Parks, Recreation and Natural Areas Plan, staff will work on updating the Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Trails element of the

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Comprehensive Plan. The Comprehensive Plan Objectives and Policies will be reviewed for consistency with the newly adopted Plan.

### **Plan Acceptance**

The Steering Committee met five times throughout 2010 and 2011 to review and discuss the Parks, Recreation and Natural Areas Plan. MIG and City staff briefed the Committee on each aspect of the Plan throughout the process. The Committee had many opportunities for input, helping to shape the document. The Steering Committee made the following motion:

MOTION MADE BY LARRY REYMANN, SECONDED BY KIRK MERRILL to Accept the Parks, Recreation and Natural Areas Plan with a recommendation to forward acceptance to the Parks and Planning Commissions. TWELVE FOR, ZERO AGAINST, FOUR ABSENT. MOTION CARRIED.